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In re Application of  
Adilson Leite et al  
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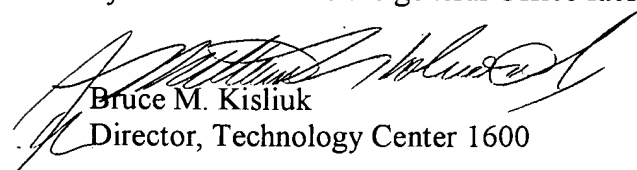
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed November 4, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on April 18, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on October 27, 2003, when a reply was not timely filed. Applicants state that a reply was filed on July 2, 2003 followed by a supplemental reply on July 18, 2003, as evidenced by Office date stamped return postcards for each reply. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

  
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